

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute any originally presented or canceled claims in a continuing or future application.

1. (currently amended) A method for retrieving and viewing webpages in a web browser operating on a user's computer, comprising the sequential steps of:

submitting, from said web browser, a search request to a search engine located on the Internet;

receiving a rank-ordered hyperlink list from [[a]] said search engine to form a queue of hyperlinks;

automatically loading a plurality of webpages referred to by said queue of hyperlinks list to form into a rank-ordered queue of webpages stored on the user's computer; and

viewing said webpages in [[a]] the web browser.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by preloading a selectable number of webpages pointed to by a selectable number of hyperlinks in [[a]] the queue of hyperlinks.

3-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 where said loading is further accomplished by concurrently preloading a predetermined number of webpages pointed to by hyperlinks in [[a]] the queue of hyperlinks.

7. (original) The method of claim 1 where said loading is accomplished by determining the available network download bandwidth and preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on such available network download bandwidth.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 where said loading is further accomplished by:

determining that ~~the~~ a processor within the user's computer ~~processor(s)~~ isn't saturated; and

preloading a predetermined number of webpages based on the ~~such~~ processor's non-saturation state.

9. (currently amended) A method of displaying webpages in a web browser operating on a user's computer ~~network-based information~~, including:

displaying a plurality of fully functional webpages in a single web browser at the same time such that all of said plurality of fully functional webpages are simultaneously visible to the user.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9 where said fully functional webpages ~~displaying is accomplished by making~~ are visible ~~prior~~ preloaded webpages that correspond to hyperlinks in a rank-ordered queue of hyperlinks returned by a search engine.

11-15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 9 ~~where said operating is accomplished by including~~ changing the number of webpages that are simultaneously displayed in a browser at the same time according to an input from the user.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 9 ~~where said operating is accomplished by including~~ selectively saving the queue of hyperlinks or a portion thereof ~~references to any of the webpages displayed or queued for display~~ as a group bookmark hyperlink list that may be loaded ~~and displayed~~ in a web browser at a later time.

18. (canceled)